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The Honorable Charles L.A. Terreni Chief Clerk / Administrator **Public Service Commission of South Carolina** 101 Executive Center Drive

Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Application of United Utility Companies, Inc. for adjustment of rates and charges for RE: the provision of water and sewer service; Docket No. 2000-0210-W/S

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Enclosed for filing please find the original and five (5) copies of the Applicant's Certificate of Refund as required under Commission Order No. 2004-254 in the above-captioned docket. By copy of this letter, I am serving counsel for the other party enclose my certificate to that effect

Please accept these documents for filing and acknowledge your receipt thereof by filestamping the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to me via the person delivering same.

You will note from the Certificate that the initial refunds in the amount of \$25,339.09 were effected over a year ago. Since then, the Company has made diligent effort to locate former customers entitled to participate in the refund process. That effort has been largely successful as there remains a balance of only \$6.40 to be distributed. The Company will, of course, continue to maintain the balance until such time as it receives directions from the Commission.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. With best regards, I am

Sincerely,

WILLOUGHBY & HOEFER, P.A.

John M.S. Hoefer

JMSH/twb Enclosure

cc: Florence P. Belser, Esquire

## **BEFORE**

# THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

# SOUTH CAROLINA

# DOCKET NO. 2000-0210-W/S

IN RE:	)	
Application of United Utility Companies, Inc. for adjustment of rates and charges for the provision of water and sewer service.	) ) ) )	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that I have caused to be served this day one (1) copy of **Applicant's**Certificate of Refund by placing same in the care and custody of the United States Postal Service with first class postage affixed thereto and addressed as follows:

Florence P. Belser, Esquire
Office of Regulatory Staff
Post Office Box 11263
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Tracy W. Barnes

Columbia, South Carolina This 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2005.

### BEFORE

# THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA DOCKET NO. 2000-0210-W/S IN RE: Application of United Utility Companies, ) Inc. for adjustment of rates and charges for the provision of water and sewer service. CERTIFICATE OF REFUND

United Utility Companies, Inc. ("UUC" or "Company"), by and through its undersigned Steven M. Lubertozzi, hereby certifies to this Honorable Commission, in accordance with the requirements of Commission Order No. 2004-254 in the above-referenced docket dated May 19, 2004, as follows:

- 1. Under Order No. 2004-254, the Company was required to refund, on a pro rata basis to its customers who had paid rates approved under bond as permitted in Order No. 2002-494 in this docket, the principal sum of \$21,446.34 plus interest at 12% per annum and additional principal of \$1,007.58 for any month after May, 2004 in which the Company collected the rates approved under bond. The rates approved in Order No. 2004-254 were placed into effect on June 1, 2004 and, accordingly, the total amount of refund due thereunder was \$25,339.09, which includes the required interest.
- 2. The Company effected refunds to customers as required by Order No. 2004-254 through bill credits or refund checks, said refunds having been issued on or about August 5, 2004.

3. Notwithstanding the diligent efforts of the Company to effect all refunds due, there remains \$6.40 in refunds due the Company's customers under Order No. 2004-254 which is undistributed. Certain customers entitled to a refund have either moved and left no forwarding address, provided a forwarding address that is no longer valid, or have failed to negotiate their refund checks.

The Company is holding the remaining refund amount of \$6.40 that is due the customers who cannot be located and requests the Commission's determination with respect to the disposition of this undistributed refund amount.

5. The Company further requests that, in rendering its determination in this matter, the Commission also authorize the Company to cancel the bond approved in Commission Order No. 2002-494 in this docket to avoid unnecessary premium expense in the current amount of \$7,795. The Company is willing to maintain the undistributed refund amount of \$6.40 in a separate account, deposit same with the Commission, or otherwise provide for its preservation as may be directed by the Commission.

United Utility Companies, Inc.

Its: <u>Director of Regulatory Accounting</u>

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This <u>S</u> day of <u>Sept.</u>, 2005

Joy Rosen / Notary Public